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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the remaining claims to read as follows. All claims currently pending in the application, including those not amended, are reproduced below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.